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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Looking back: 1998 in review

Storm preparations have positive impact

BY B. R. HAWKINS

Lynette Carbon feels that having time to make preparations before a major storm occurred was an essential factor in the way the county responded to the 1998 hurricane season.

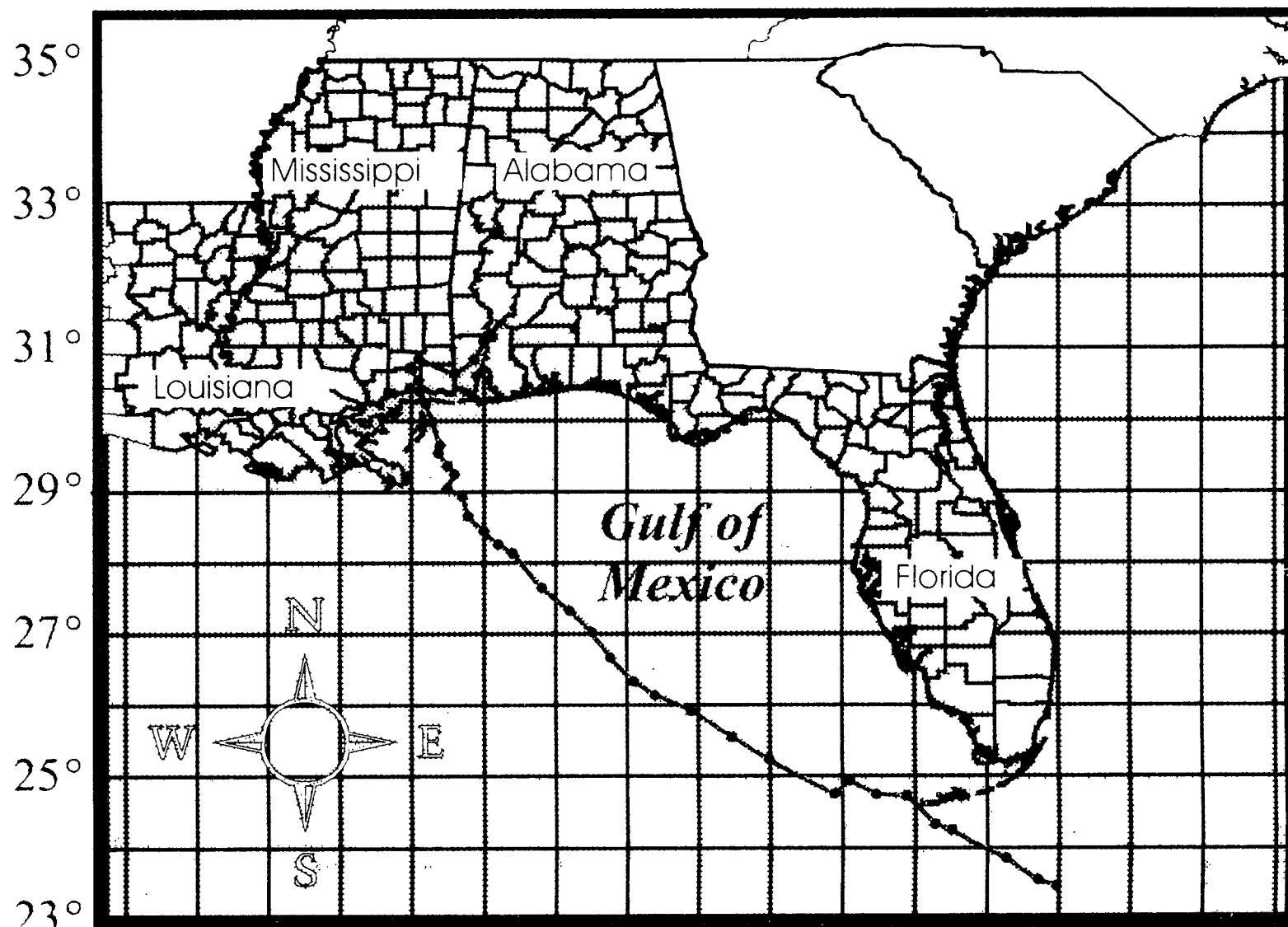
Looking back over the year, Carbon said it was a good idea to have training before the actual event. "The county emergency response committee completed a tabletop exercise and a functional drill in July," Carbon said. "We had time to put in place adjustments we needed to make before we were tested with a storm."

Carbon, in her first year as director, faced a number of tests during the hurricane season of 1998. Predictions for the year projected 10 named storms, six hurricanes and two landfalls. The year ended with 13 named storms, nine full-fledged hurricanes, four of which made landfall.

Erratic Tropical Storm Earl, which later grew into a hurricane and bullied the Florida coast, was the first to threaten the county early in September. Hurricane preparedness went into high gear as the storm approached landfall. Although, there was little concern of a direct hit, Carbon and supervisors were worried about winds pushing high tides into Pearlington, Herron Bay, Shoreline Park and other low lying areas.

STORM—PAGE 6

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This Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) graphic shows the path of Hurricane Georges. The storm, which developed Friday, Sept. 25, was estimated to hit the

mouth of the river leaving Bay St. Louis and Waveland on the leading edge of the storm. In the early morning hours Sunday, Sept. 26, the storm turned and moved east.

Looking back: 1998 in review

Supervisors trudge along despite taxes and storms

BY ED LEPOMA

Supervisors survived a property owners revolt and Hurricane Georges last year and still managed to get some major projects off the drawing board.

The board is also making steady progress on its plans to spend \$4.1 million in bond funds to blacktop or improve about 126 miles of roads in the unincorporated parts of Hancock County.

The latest major project to get underway is construction of a long-awaited Hancock County Equine and Livestock Arena. Ground was broken in November at the 80-acre site off the Kiln-DeLisle Road, and Moran Hauling Inc. of Kiln has been awarded the \$534,000 contract to build the facility. It could be completed by mid-1999.

Also nearing completion at the foot of Pleasure Street is the new county marina. Malouf Construction Corp. of Madison estimates the facility could be open by the end of next month.

The \$1.1 million first-phase of construction will provide 1,120 linear feet of docking space for commercial and recreational boats. The piers will be lighted, with water and sewerage provided.

The second phase of the contract will be let next year to construct a harbormaster's building with handicapped-accessible restrooms.

Work is also nearing completion on reconstruction of the Dunbar Avenue Pier, a popular spot for Cedar Point anglers, and supervisors will let a contract in February on repairs to the Washington Street Pier. Al-

ready underway at the foot of Washington Street in Bay St. Louis are improvements to the boat launch and the installation of two fishing jetties.

Ground was broken in late May for the new Kiln Library off Hwy. 603, just north of the old library site. The 10,000-square-foot building is being constructed at a cost of almost \$1 million and is expected to be completed by June, with occupancy expected in September.

Hancock County's Wastewater District received approval to become a Water and Sewer District last year, and has made great progress extending sewerage to residents south of Interstate 10. Work is well underway by two separate contractors to add more than 520 residents of Shoreline Park and 240 residents and businesses in Clermont Harbor to the sewerage system. And, the District has applied for funds to provide water to Shoreline Park.

The District has also obtained a low-interest bank loan to provide sewerage to a commercial and residential area off Hwy. 90 and Longfellow Road.

Pearlington's newly-formed Water and Sewer District has also hired an engineering firm to recommend how best to sewer that area in the western-most part of Hancock County.

Last year, Hancock County's south maintenance barn off Lower Bay Road was enclosed at a cost of \$149,500 and provides a storage area for road equipment, along with a small administrative area.

The Coastal Family Clinic also returned to Hancock

County last year after an absence of almost three years, and now operates out of leased space at the MarketTown Shopping Center off Hwy. 90 in Bay St. Louis.

While a lot of progress has been made, some major projects ran into roadblocks last year.

Supervisors have twice advertised and rejected bids for a long-delayed Juvenile Detention Center and an expansion of the county jail. Bids have come in well over the \$1.2 million for the project, and supervisors will again open bids Jan. 8.

The Juvenile Detention Center will be attached to the rear of the historic downtown County Courthouse, and provide temporary housing for up to 30 juveniles, plus additional jury and office space for the Circuit Court.

Another delayed project is construction of a bikeway and pedestrian path running through Bay St. Louis and Waveland, but supervisors aren't to blame for that.

The problem is between the city of Bay St. Louis and the CSX Railway, which is in a dispute and may end up in court over what tracks would remain open and which would be closed.

The advent of a new year started rocky for supervisors, with hoards of angry citizens jamming the courthouse last December to protest reappraisal of property in Hancock County.

Supervisors explained that the reappraisal of property combined with ambitious building

SUPERVISORS—PAGE 6

Tree recycling

In an effort to preserve valuable landfill space, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and Mississippi Power Company are sponsoring an effort to recycle used Christmas trees in Hancock County.

Jan. 4-11, used Christmas trees can be brought to the Hancock County Civic Center. There will be a roped-off section at the west side of the civic center to drop off trees. All lights, ornaments and tinsel must be removed from the tree.

Mississippi Power and the Hancock Chamber encourage you to do all you can to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Call the Hancock Chamber at 467-9048 for information.

Student directors

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce announces student directors for 1999. Local schools appoint high school juniors each year to serve as student directors on the Chamber's board of directors.

The 1999 student directors are Tiffany Lee from Hancock High School, Alexis Inabinet from Coast Episcopal High School, Mylon Labat from St. Stanislaus, Andrea Selier from Bay High School, and Mary Frances Ladner from Our Lady Academy.

Student directors who served the Hancock Chamber well in 1998 are Amy Cuevas from Hancock High School, Eleanor Bernadas from Coast Episcopal High School, Kevin Estrade from St. Stanislaus, Jessica Pearce from Bay High School, and Melissa Niolet from Our Lady Academy.

TIDES

WEEK OF 12-31-98

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Fri.	11:02 p.	9:07 a.
Sat.	11:48 p.	9:56 a.
Sun.		11:29 a.
Mon.	12:33 a.	12:12 p.
Tues.	1:14 a.	12:47 p.
Wed.	1:51 a.	1:10 p.
Thurs.	2:18 a.	1:12 p.

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The Krewe of Diamondhead named John Sibley as King Ali'i Honua XXIV, and Sandra Sibley is his queen. (Photo by Southern Exposure)

OBITUARIES

EMMA AMASON
PHILLIP BABIN SR.
CLAY BLAIR
PRICE CAIN JR.
REV. R. CRENSHAW
VINCENT A. DAURO
FAITH DORSCH
JAVENIA M. FARVE
JANE TRUSDELL KEEN
WILDA L. MAUFFRAY
CARL LEE SMITH
HAL W. WALTERS JR.
SHIRLEY T. YORK

EMMA AMASON
 Emma Amason, 66, of Poplarville, died Monday, Dec. 28, 1998, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

PHILLIP BABIN SR.

Phillip J. Babin Sr., 89, of Pass Christian, died Friday, Dec. 25, 1998, in Gulfport.

Mr. Babin was a native of Litcher, La., and had been a resident of the Coast for 77 years. He was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Pineville and was a retired carpenter.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Grace Aletha Babin.

Survivors include four sons, Emile Babin and Phillip Babin Jr., both of Pass Christian, Harry Babin of Saucier and Floyd Babin of Lizana; a daughter, Shirley Moran of Lizana; a brother, Lawrence Babin; a sister, Virginia Babin, both of Louisiana; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Sunday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian. A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Burial was in DeLisle Cemetery.

CLAY BLAIR

Clay Blair, of Washington Island, Wis., 73, died Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1998, in Washington Island.

Mr. Blair was an author who wrote extensively on World War II and the Korean War and was a former editor of The Saturday Evening Post. Many of his 26 books focused on military history. In World War II, Mr. Blair served aboard the submarine Guardfish.

Mr. Blair was a native of Bay St. Louis, attended Tulane University and then Columbia, leaving in 1949 to become a reporter-trainee at Time magazine. He was a Washington correspondent for Time and Life 1959-57, then joined the Washington bureau of The Saturday Evening Post.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary Louise and Clay Blair; and his sister, Jane Blair MacMillan.

Survivors include his wife and six children from his marriage to the former Agnes Devaux; four sons, Clay III of Germany, Kemp and Robert of Boulder, Colo., and Christopher of Washington; two daughters, Marie Louise Houle of Amherst, Mass., and Sibyl Dance of Palm City, Fla.; and two nieces, Beth Robert of Gulfport and Virginia DeRoma of Charleston, S.C.

Services were conducted Dec. 30 at Arlington National Cemetery.

PRICE CAIN JR.

Price Cain Jr., 63, of Long Beach, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 1998, in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Cain was born in Jackson and had been a resident of the Coast for over 40 years. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Gulfport. He served in the U.S. Army and received the Good Conduct Medal. Mr. Cain was owner of Cain Insurance Agency for over 30 years. He was a member of Professional Independent Agents, Gulfport Yacht Club and Windance Country Club.

He was preceded in death by his father, Price Cain Sr.; and his mother, Emily Watkins.

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Survivors include his wife, Eileen Cain of Long Beach; three daughters, Tonya Cain Schevers and Sissy Cain Gammell, both of Pass Christian, and Michele LaField of Dallas, Texas; two stepsons, Chip Holloway of Ridgecrest, Calif., and Kevin Holloway of Los Angeles, Calif.; a sister, Marguerite Cain Taylor of Gulfport; a brother, Michael Conner Gainey of Los Angeles; his stepmother, Vashti Ishee Cain of Jackson; and four grandchildren.

Services were conducted Wednesday in the Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home chapel in Gulfport, followed by burial in Biloxi National Cemetery.

REV. R. CRENSHAW

The Rev. Richard Crenshaw, 89, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Dec. 28, 1998, in Pass Christian.

Reverend Crenshaw was sent from Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to McLaughlin Funeral Home in St. Louis, Mo. for services and burial.

VINCENT A. DAURO

Vincent Anthony Dauro, 74, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 1998.

Mr. Dauro was a graduate of Long Beach High School and the Mississippi State University with a degree in horticulture. He was owner of Dauro's Florist.

During World War II he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a pilot. He earned the American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, Air Medal and the Reserve Medal. He served in the Air Force Reserve as Commanding Officer of Reserve Flight and Commanding Officer of Flight AA 2273rd Selective Service Squadron. He was promoted to the rank of Colonel. He retired after 32 years of service.

He was honored by the Mississippi Florist and Nurseryman Association in 1975 with the Mississippi Outstanding Achievement Award. He has held all offices in the Mississippi Florist and Nursery Association and was elected president in 1960-61.

He served on the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Florist Association, was elected vice-president and served as president in 1969. In 1976 he was named Florist of the Year.

He also was an exalted ruler and trustee of Elks BPOE 978. He was Commander of VFW Post 2539 and First District Commander. He also was vice-commander of American Legion Post 119 and a member of Coast Voiture 40-8.

He was a member of St. John Catholic Church, Gulfport, and of the St. Vincent de Paul Council of Knights of Columbus, Long Beach.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sam J. and Pauline (Giametta) Dauro; and a brother, Joseph A. Dauro.

Survivors include children Paulette Lovingood of Diamondhead; Linda Dauro of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Samuel A. Dauro of Lizana; Gary Dauro of Gulfport; Ann Dauro of Long Beach; Michael Dauro of Gulfport; Tim Dauro of Long Beach; Maria Davis of Gulfport; Collette Quigley of Gulfport; Vincent J. Dauro of Norfolk, Va.; Frank Dauro of Auburn, Ala.; three sisters, Angelina Pierce, Camella Loftis and Ann Stewart; 18 grandchildren, a great-grandchild.

Visitation was Tuesday evening at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport. A funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday at St. John Catholic Church with burial in Biloxi National Cemetery.

FAITH DORSCH

Faith Dorsch, 63, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1998, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

JAVENIA M. FARVE

Javenia "Jay" Malley Farve, 78, of the Dedeaux community died Thursday, Dec. 24, 1998, in Dedeaux.

Mrs. Farve was a native and lifelong resident of Hancock County and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dedeaux.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willard Farve; her parents, Phillip and Victoria Ladner Malley; a brother, Harvey Malley; and two sisters, Luvy Malley and Eveline Cameron.

Survivors include a son, J. W. Farve; three daughters, Gwen Ladner, Wanda Necaise and Linda McKay; two brothers, Edress Malley and Aaron Malley; a sister, Luby Peterson, all of the Dedeaux community; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Sunday evening at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Mass was celebrated Monday in the church, followed by burial in Standard Sandhill Cemetery.

Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

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A candidate seeking the office of school trustee to fill the currently vacant position must file a petition with the Superintendent of Education of Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District at least forty (40) days before the special election. Such petition must contain the signatures of at least twenty-five (25) qualified electors who are bona fide residents of the school district territory to be represented and must also contain an affidavit by the candidate certifying that all signatures are the personal signatures of each person whose name appears on the petition and that each person is a qualified elector.

The candidate must also present an affidavit stating that he or she is a qualified elector and a bona fide resident of the school district territory to be represented in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. 37-7-211 (Rev. 1996). Said Special Trustee Election shall be held on March 6, 1999.

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1998 a fire-safe year for Bay

Special to the Echo
By Mike Cuevas

Bay St. Louis suffered from no fire deaths or serious fire-related injuries in 1998. There were no serious commercial or residential structure fires during this calendar year.

"Our success was due to the well-trained and equipped firefighters who are members of the Bay St. Louis Fire Department. The Mayor and City Council have been generous and supportive in continuing education and equipment improvements for the department," said Fire Chief Robert Gavagnie.

Fire Prevention

The department's primary efforts were placed in prevention education. Over 2,300 children and adults attended and participated in specialized programs presented by local firefighters. The department inspected 268 of the 370 registered businesses located within the city limits.

Each shift of firefighters did a familiarization tour of the expanded facilities of Hancock Medical Center, Alcan, and all Casino Magic properties.

Fire drills were conducted in all schools twice during the year, and the schools' response improved with each drill.

The residents and staff of Hotel Reed and Notre Dame de la Mar apartments participated in fire drills, testing not only the response and capabilities of the department, but the capacity of each group to quickly evacuate their premises in an orderly and accountable fashion.

"Wild About Firemen," a partnership project with the Hancock County Library System, educated over 500 children and their parents with demonstrations, exhibits and games. Firefighters rappelled from the roof of the Depot, demonstrated a successful suppression of an automobile fire and the operation of the Hurst tool (Jaws of Life), along with other activities that promoted personal, family, home and car safety.

"The Great Escape" was the theme for Fire Prevention Week when firefighters visited local elementary schools and day care centers.

The year closed with the department's participation of Operation Lifesaver to identify and have smoke detectors installed in homes of the elderly and others families with special needs.

Operation Lifesaver detectors are furnished by Radio Shack and installed by Total Security, a local security firm, at no charge to the residents in need.

New Programs

The health of Bay St. Louis firefighters received special emphasis this year. An annual agility test was instituted in 1998 to allow each firefighter to personally judge on-the-job fitness through a series of special tests developed by the training division.

An exercise room was established including free weights and other specialized equipment to help the firefighter maintain peak physical condition. The room provides opportunity for new firefighters to train before attending the State Academy. The room was established at no cost to the city or its citizens.

In cooperation with the state's health department, firefighters had the opportunity to receive an annual flu shot. In addition to receiving the flu vaccine, firefighters were inoculated to prevent contraction of Hepatitis B. Annually firefighters are given a total tuberculosis screening.

Continuing Education

Two firefighters received their Firefighters Certification from the State of Mississippi Fire Academy. Four firefighters were re-certified as Emergency Medical Technicians. All firefighters were re-certified as Medical First Responders and all received their Hazardous Material First Responder certifications or were re-certified.

Individual firefighters completed training at the Fire Academy in Fire Ground Tactics, Safety Officer, Driver Operator, Fire Officer, High Rise Fire fighting, and Fire Service Management.

"Our everyday goal is to keep our firefighters well-trained in the most recent, safest techniques that will help protect our citizens, their property and the lives of our people. Enhanced training is a solid investment in our firefighters and is as important as prevention education is to the public," said Mayor Eddie Favre.

New Equipment

The department added a new rescue unit to its fleet this year. A 1999 Ford F450 quick attack truck was purchased and equipped for emergency rescue response. The truck's major feature is its 300-gallon-per-minute pumper that can quickly assemble on the scene to begin suppression before a larger pumper arrives. In many cases the quick attack truck can address the problem before the pumper arrives.

Special Operations were previously handled by the rescue unit. This newly assigned vehicle responds with the rescue unit or large pumper and carries large light units operated by a built-in generator and additional SCBA air bottles to supplement the pumper supply.

The Special Ops truck also includes all hazardous material search and decontamination equipment to prevent the risk of losing the use of a large pumper or other equipment to contamination, unless demanded by the situation.

Other Projects

"All fire hydrants in the city were repainted and tested and all city water valves located and marked. These may not sound like major achievements, but it allows our department to

quickly mobilize our on-the-scene operations. We've made in-house improvements to our station that have made the department more energy efficient and offers greater protection to our equipment," said Chief Gavagnie.

"Not to single out one firefighter for service to the community, but Firefighter Monty Strong was selected by the Veterans of Foreign Wars as the Bay St. Louis Firefighter of the Year. We appreciate this public recognition of one firefighter's efforts to protect his community."

Assistant Fire Chief Gary Maurice and Firefighter Ronald Avery were recognized by Mayor Favre as two of the city's emerging African-American leaders last February," added the Chief.

Doll and Toy Fund

Every year the generosity of the public grows in support of this 20-plus year firefighter project. This year many new partners were added to the list of supporters, including the Southern Who Street Rod Association just for parents.

Children in grief offered support program

To meet the unique needs of young people who have experienced the death of a loved one, Slidell Memorial Hospice will hold a special six-week program in January. The sessions are led by bereavement experts, and the program is geared toward youths aged 5-18 years.

The Children's Bereavement Support Group is designed to provide bereaved young people with a "safe place" where they can better understand, express and cope with their grief. Meetings will be at the Slidell Memorial Hospice office at 1045 Florida Ave.

The free six-week program includes five support group meetings and begins Thursday, Jan. 7 with an introductory session just for parents.

Then, beginning Jan. 14, the support group will meet each Thursday evening through Feb. 11. Each weekly session will be from 6:30-8 p.m.

Bereavement professionals specializing in helping youths will be the support group facilitators. The children attending will be divided into smaller groups based on their ages: 5-8 years old, 9-13, and 14-18.

Attendance at all sessions is required. To register and for information, call Jamey Boudreaux of Hospice at 847-0174.

The free program is a community service of Slidell Memorial Hospice and James Morgan, PhD, clinical psychologist.

"We want our new pumper to arrive, as promised in March," he said. "We would like to add three new firefighters, one to each shift. We would like to have a 'Fire Safety House' of our own to use as a teaching tool in the schools, senior centers, Public Safety Day and other special events. Finally, as a really big wish, we would like to have a new central station. We want room to grow as the community is growing. Each of our wishes is a goal, and we are working towards achievement."

Parents-to-be offered seminars at SMH

Slidell Memorial Hospital and Medical Center is offering several seminars for parents expecting the arrival of their new baby. Seminars coming in January are:

Our New Baby:

Jan. 10, 3:30-5:30 p.m., free at the SMH Cafeteria Meeting Room. The class prepares children, 3-9, for their mother's upcoming hospital stay and for the arrival of their new sibling. Pre-registration requested. Call 504-646-0044 to register.

Breastfeeding Clinic:

Jan. 19, 7 p.m., free at the SMH Family Resource Suite. This informal discussion of the advantages of breastfeeding includes information on how to get started, prevent problems and what to expect those first few weeks. Husbands and grandparents are welcome. Call 504-646-0044 to register.

Prenatal Exercise:

This fitness crib course was designed and implemented with strict adherence to the

guidelines published by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. For more information or to register, call 504-645-2955.

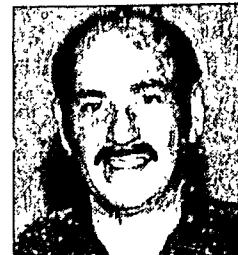
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Thoughts for meditation:
I asked the new year for some message sweet, some rule of life which to guide my feet;

I asked and paused: He answered soft and low, "God will to know."

Great peace have they who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.

Psalms 119:165

Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better person.

—Richard Woodstone

Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Hebrews 12:1

People laugh at New Year's resolutions, but we can all use some reflection followed by a humble prayer.

Psalms 20:5

Today, Dec. 31, there will be a 4 p.m. New Year's Vigil Mass at St. Ann Church, Clermont Harbor.

On Friday, Jan. 1, there will be a 9:00 Holy Mass at St. John Church, Clermont Harbor.

CCD, CYO and RCIA classes will resume at their regular times on Monday, Jan. 4.

God bless thy year! Thy rest, thy traveling about, the rough, the smooth, the bright, the drear. God bless thy year!

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"CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

Just think, in less than 48 hours we will be welcoming in the year of 1999.

Where has 1998 really gone? It seems it was just yesterday we were celebrating the Mardi Gras season.

New Year's means the shooting of fireworks for many folks.

Every year thousands from across America become accident victims to fireworks.

I urge all persons using fireworks to use extreme caution. Parents, if you give your children fireworks, please make sure you give them proper guidance and instructions.

Respect the property of others, too.

During younger years, my three brothers and I popped our share of fireworks when they were available.

Let everyone have a good time for the holidays and a safe time, too.

Happy New Year to each and everyone of you.

We received a note from Donna Davis, activities coordinator for Dunbar Village.

She mentioned how thankful they were in our publishing their "Letters to Santa."

The column prompted several telephone calls from people of the community wanting to donate time and talents for the residents of Dunbar Village.

Davis said one of the extraordinary things that happened was a visit from the folks at Key West Inn, Bay St. Louis, who brought a new hat for "Mr. Pete" and a 16-game Super Set to be shared with other residents.

Isn't it good to know that we have people in our community who are concerned about the well-being of others?

There are always opportunities to help others, and it is great that there are those who take the time to do so.

Guess that is what makes our community such a special place to live and raise a family.

Once again there will be Christmas tree recycling in Hancock County sponsored by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and Mississippi Power Company.

I have already seen quiet a number of discarded Christmas trees on the shoulders of roads in the area.

From January 4 to 11, used Christmas trees can be brought to the Hancock County Civic Center, Longfellow Road. There will be a roped-off section at the west side of the center's parking lot to drop off the trees. All lights, ornaments and tinsel must be removed from the trees.

The trees will be ground and used for mulching, and this is just another way of recycling and helps reduce the use of our limited landfill spaces.

It is hoped everyone will drop a tree for recycling.

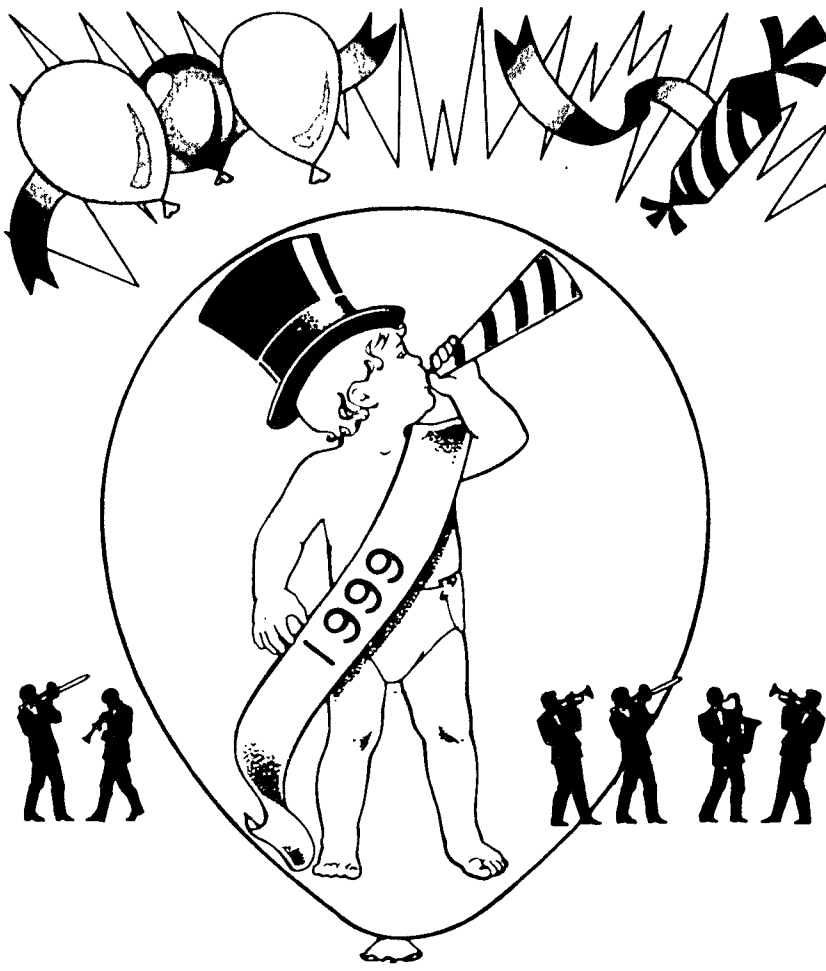
I wonder how many of you have already made up a list of New Year's resolutions.

One I am sure many folks will have is one I will be addressing myself, and that is to lose some weight.

I did a good job in 1988 in dropping some 30 pounds, but since vacation and the holidays I have added some 5 pounds and plan to lose those soon.

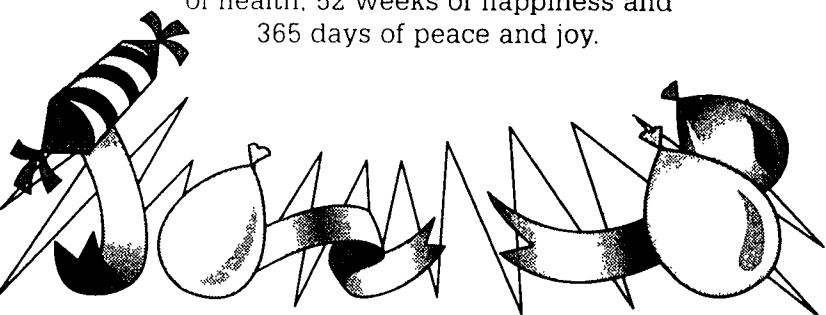
Some folks come up with a long list of resolutions, and I think that is not the best way to start the new year. It is easier for a person to have two or three and make a strong effort to follow through.

Anyway, the best of luck to everyone on your New Year's resolutions.



A WHOLE NEW YEAR IS HERE! HAPPY 1999!

Best wishes for a year filled with 12 months of health, 52 weeks of happiness and 365 days of peace and joy.



FROM THE GOVERNOR

By Governor Kirk Fordice



Reform the campaign finance system, but not at the expense of free speech

As we approach the 1999 Legislative Session, I am aware that my 1998 veto of House Bill 1609, the campaign finance reform bill, will come up for an override vote. Despite the ink already spent on this significant topic, I will repeat my reason for vetoing a measure in an area that unquestionably needs improvement.

A great deal of good was to be found in the campaign finance reform legislation. Among its provisions: the bill lowered and made uniform campaign contribution reporting requirements; put teeth in the requirement that campaign reports be filed in a timely manner; and, clarified the law surrounding election contests.

I found it hard to believe that a bill so full of good government ideas would contain a provision that prohibited political parties from supporting judicial candidates with endorsements or contributions.

I communicated my concerns to Secretary of State Eric Clark and the Legislature and assured them that I would veto the bill if this unconstitutional provision were reinstated in the bill.

This overly broad prohibition is not only patently offensive to the guarantees of freedom of speech found in Section 13 of the Mississippi Constitution and the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, but also strikes me as truly unconstitutional.

The fundamental right of a group of citizens to associate together in a political party for the purpose of advancing political ideas is protected by Section

11 of the Mississippi Constitution and the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

In addition, there is no readily apparent compelling state interest that would justify this unprecedented restriction on the people's freedom. I have not been made aware of a single example of corruption of the judicial process in this state attributable to the involvement of a political party in a judicial election.

If the Legislature is concerned about appearances of impropriety in judicial elections, there are undoubtedly other remedial measures the Legislature may enact without violating our Constitution.

One highly successful damage suit lawyer with a war chest of millions can do more harm to the public interest than all political parties could ever do, because his interest may be tightly focused on one or a few judicial races in which he has a special interest.

We have recently seen Mississippi plaintiffs' lawyers collect \$1.4 billion in fees from the tobacco lawsuits. Lawyers have no limit on the amount they can contribute to judges. What are the effects on our judicial system where these lawyers appear in front of these same judges? Is that open and fair government?

I will gladly support and offer alternative campaign finance reform measures that in no way restrict the citizens of Mississippi in their constitutional right to free speech.

Please contact your legislators today in support of my veto.

Letters Welcome

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers on subjects of general interest. Letters must be signed and include address or phone number so that the sender can be contacted by the newspaper if necessary. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double spaced, and conform to standards of good taste. Only one letter per writer per month will be published. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters.

Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are considered inappropriate for the Letters to the Editor columns.

—Ellis C. Cuevas, publisher



Law You Can Use

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Bankruptcy settle debts, but with consequences

(Third in a Series)

When a person faces bankruptcy because of personal debts, the two main options are Chapter 7 and Chapter 13. The difference between the two is the liquidation of assets to settle the debts (Chapter 7) versus a payment plan to pay the debts (Chapter 13).

Approximately 20 percent of all consumer bankruptcy filings fall under Chapter 13. Known as wage earner's bankruptcy, Chapter 13 allows a debtor with a steady income to pay all or part of the debts over a period of time, usually three years but as long as five. It is usually filed by people who are past due in the home mortgage or car payments.

To qualify for Chapter 13, the debtor must have less than \$250,000 in unsecured debt (credit cards) and less than \$750,000 in secured debts (mortgages and car loans). A person with debts greater than these must file under Chapter 7 or, in some cases, Chapter 11.

When filing under Chapter 13, the debtor submits to the bankruptcy court a proposed payment plan that applies all of his or her disposable income to paying the creditors. Disposable income is the monies available after the expenses of shelter, food, and other necessities are met.

The plan is usually sent to the person's creditors for review. If they find the plan acceptable and the court approves the plan, it becomes effective.

Normally, the debtor sends a set monthly amount to a court-appointed trustee who distributes it to the creditors. This is usually accomplished by the debtor's employer's withholding the payment and forwarding it to the trustee.

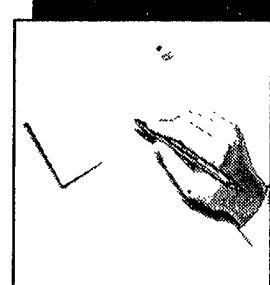
Several advantages exist to filing under Chapter 13 rather than Chapter 7. A cosigner to a debtor's consumer obligation is protected by a stay under Chapter 13, unless the plan will not retire the entire debt. The discharge or elimination of debts under Chapter 13 is broader than under Chapter 7. For example, if the debtor completes the payment plan, the creditor usually cannot demand any remaining debt. However, debts secured by collateral may still be collected.

A person may file under Chapter 13 repeatedly unless prohibited by the court, while filings under Chapter 7 may occur only every six years. Finally, future creditors may be more agreeable to extend credit to someone with a Chapter 13 filing on his or her credit report rather than a Chapter 7 filing because a larger percentage of the debt was most likely paid.

While Chapter 13 is the preferred option over Chapter 7, it does have a high failure rate. The key is a realistic payment plan, and a financial advisor or bankruptcy attorney can help in this area.

Law You Can Use is a weekly feature offered as a public service of The Mississippi Bar and this newspaper. If you have a specific question on this or another legal subject, please contact a local attorney.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grass looks ugly, but provides smooth ride along Beach Blvd.

Dear Editor:

I agree with many of my friends, yes, the wild grass on our beach looks ugly, untidy and neglected, but isn't it great

not to have to drive over slippery bumps of sand on the beach road after a high wind?

Anne Ashman
Waveland

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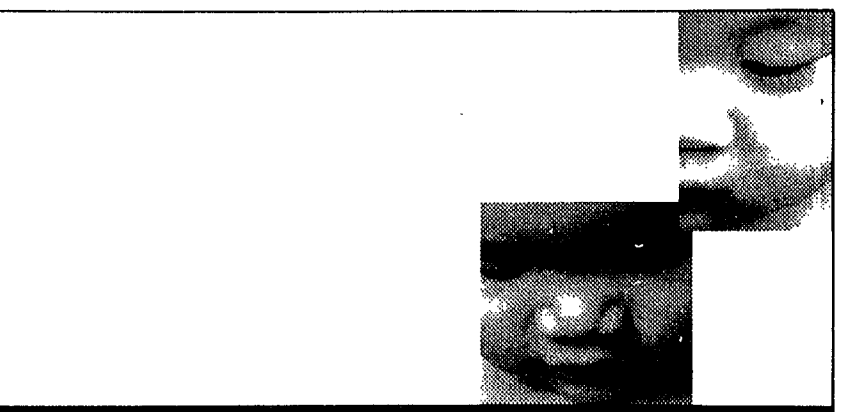
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Pepsi students

Sam Alman III, Business Development representative of the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company, presented Pepsi shirts to Our Lady Academy Students of the Month for November. Pictured are, from left, Alman, Leslie Esher, senior; Lauren Hansell, junior; Ashley Roth, sophomore; Teddi Calamusa, seventh grader; and Linda Nguyen, freshman. Not pictured is Julie Reboul, eighth grader.

Hancock students named to Ole Miss Chancellor's list

Three students from Hancock County were named to The University of Mississippi Chancellor's Honor Roll for the fall semester.

A grade point average from 3.75 through 4.0 is required of full-time students carrying at least 12 hours for listing on the roll.

Honor roll members from Hancock County included, Stephanie Rose Grant, Bennett Alan Moe, Robert Lee Johnson, and Mary Ann L. Garriga, all from Diamondhead; Meredith Joan Hunter of Waveland; Ryan August Leopold and Andrea Lynn Platz, both of Bay St. Louis; and Natalie Marcello Martrt of Kiln.

Hancock students awarded degrees in LSU ceremony

Edgar Louis Belson of Bay St. Louis and Laura Caroline Moore of Diamondhead were among 91 students awarded degrees from Louisiana State University in graduation ceremonies held in December.

SSC athletes share Christmas spirit with community

The St. Stanislaus chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) continues its positive impact on the local community. The local chapter, under the direction of Coach Stan Dellenger, raised money and collected numerous gifts that were given to families in Bay St. Louis.

"It makes us feel good to help people less fortunate than ourselves," said Dawson McCall, junior FCA member from Bay St. Louis.

The Stanislaus chapter works with local families during the Christmas season. The families are chosen through the Bay St. Louis Social Services Department and Brother Canisius Schell, a retired Brother of the Sacred Heart at SSC, who has worked in the community for decades with Project Do, a project helping needy families and handicapped children.

The families each have children in the range of 9-17 years.

The chapter supports the families with gifts of toys, clothing and food.

"It helps the kids out," said Travis Fucich, junior FCA vice-president from Waveland. Fucich went on to say, "We help families in need, and this year we have had the most people participating."

Stanislaus parents also take an active role in the development and activities of the organization. Leading the way is Club Mother Jane Byrne and Club Father Dr. Craig Dawkins.

The chapter, now 48 members strong, and the faculty, have raised money and collected numerous gifts that were given to deserving families in the community since the chapter's inception in 1995.

The FCA group has yearly service projects scheduled for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.



FCA Christmas

In an effort to promote the celebration of Christmas, members of the St. Stanislaus chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes prepare to bring gifts to local families. The members shown include, from left, Zeke Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Davis of Bay St. Louis; Coach Stan Dellenger; Stephen Peterman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Peterman of Waveland; Neil Favre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Favre Jr. of Bay St. Louis; Cameron Byrne, son of Dr. and Mrs. David Byrne of Pass Christian; Ashley Piazza, son of Julia Piazza of Waveland; Nick Middleton, son of Sarah Middleton of Bay St. Louis; and David Byrne, son of Dr. and Mrs. David Byrne of Pass Christian.

Bay St. Louis softball league sets meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Bay St. Louis Girls' Softball Little League will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 4, in the Mississippi Power Company meeting room, Hwy. 90. For more information, call 467-6010.

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Storm

County offices and area schools closed, and one shelter was officially opened. In the night, Earl's course skirted to the east and later overnight, the threat passed. By morning there was little evidence of the storm.

"The next time we might not be so lucky," Carbon said. She hoped residents would not grow complacent because the storm missed the area.

Less than two weeks later, Tropical depressions promised to bring forward possible new threats to the Coast. On Friday, Sept. 25, Hurricane Georges presented itself. Its path, reminiscent of that of Camille, took away whatever complacency that might have existed, and quickly Hancock County began to brace for a landfall.

Shelters opened. Casino Magic shut down. A volunteer evacuation was ordered in areas south of I-10. Carbon, who was in constant contact with the National Hurricane Center in Miami, somberly advised officials that estimates, as of Saturday, Sept. 26, were that the eye was expected to make landfall near the mouth of the river. The Bay St. Louis-Waveland area was on the leading edge of the storm. The hit would be hard.

But just as Earl skirted away from the bluffs of the Bay in the night, Georges also turned away. By Sunday morning he was heading east. Hancock County breathed a collective sigh of relief.

With the threat gone, the work before Carbon and her

staff of 10 was that of coordinating clean up efforts. The Red Cross, the Salvation Army, The Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, and a host of insurers and others volunteering to help descended on the county to assist. Carbon was glad to see the county added to the emergency

declaration. The aftermath of Georges would be long and involved.

With the hurricane season officially over, Carbon said between working with the relief process, she and her staff continued seeking training and participated in the Mid-Winter Conference in Louisville.

Supervisors

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projects financed by bonds issued approved by voters for the Hancock County School District and the Bay Waveland School District to raise taxes.

Although citizens were invited to lodge complaints with the Tax Assessor's office, and 2,200 did, a group of about 50 property owners notified supervisors last November that they intended to file a suit asking a federal court to throw out the entire reappraisal and order a new one.

Hancock County's recently reorganized Regional Solid Waste Authority singled out a sight near the end of last year for a future landfill/rubbish site.

Attorneys are in serious negotiations with Mississippi Waste of Hancock County, which proposes a site off Flat Top Road, but already, citizens groups, mainly from the Pearl River side of the Flat Top Community, have vowed to fight the landfill.

The bills are still coming in from Hurricane Georges, but Hancock County fared better compared to adjoining Harrison and Jackson counties.

Estimates of the actual dam-

age to buildings and for the cleanup of debris may climb to \$460,000, far below damages in Gulfport, Biloxi and Pascagoula.

As the year came to an end, Hancock County seemed no closer to getting another casino.

In December, a Chancery Court judge remanded back to the Commission on Marine Resources a special industrial designation approved earlier for a piece of south beach property at Sand Bayou, and later the CMR refused to act on a request to uphold the earlier rezoning.

Developers claim it is a vital link needed by Phoenix Leisures Inc., a Las Vegas casino developer who has options on the 30-acre site where the Jubilation Casino once docked.

And, in November, the Secretary of State refused to renew a waterbottoms lease, which the Port and Harbor Commission had with Europa Cruises Corp., to develop a casino resort at the south Diamondhead exit of Interstate 10.

Europa has all the necessary permits needed for construction, but is looking for a venturing partner for the proposed multi-million dollar project.

Southern Miss raises more than \$103,000 for United Way

University of Southern Mississippi employees shattered their 1998-99 United Way fundraising goal, giving more than \$103,000 with contributions still trickling in.

"I think people were kind of enthused by" the 29-percent higher campaign goal, cam-

paign co-chair Dr. David Duhon said. "I think everyone was challenged by that."

Southern Miss announced in September that its goal would be \$80,000 — up from the \$62,000 objective of 1997-98. That was far above the usual practice of bumping up the campaign goal about 10 percent each year.

Dec. 17 USM's 1998-99 total stood at \$103,342, with a final accounting set for mid-January.

Southern Miss contributions comprise about 9 percent of the fund-raising goals of the United Way of Southeast Mississippi, which assists 22 non-profit agencies in Forrest, Lamar and Perry counties. Among the agencies: Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Family Y and Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Holiday changes

Waste Management of the Mississippi Gulf Coast will be closed Friday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

Friday's residential route for Waveland, Bay St. Louis and the unincorporated area of Hancock County will not run.

Residents in these areas that are normally serviced on Friday will be serviced instead on Saturday, Jan. 2.

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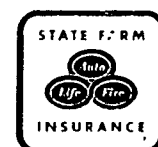
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OBITUARIES

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JANE TRUSDELL KEEN

Jane Trusdell Keen, 70, of Waveland, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 1998, in Waveland.

Mrs. Keen was a native of New Orleans where she lived for 20 years. She then moved to New York and worked at the Rockefeller Foundation for seven years. She then worked at Merrill Lynch for 32 years in various positions, from which she retired as vice president. Upon retirement she moved, with her sister Martha, to Waveland, where her family had a summer home. She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian. She did volunteer work at Crosby Arboretum in Picayune, and she was chairman of the Zoning Commission in Waveland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel Buckland and Cora Brookes Wisner Keen; and two sisters, Florence Keen Arthur and Rosemary Keen Laird.

Survivors include a sister, Martha Thomas Keen of Waveland; a niece, Rosemary Lair Broom of Atlanta, Ga.; a great-niece, Victoria TeVall of Atlanta; and a great-nephew, Richard Better of Amelia Island, Fla.

Services were conducted Tuesday at Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian, followed by burial in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers donations to the Trinity Episcopal Church Outreach Fund, P.O. Box 459, Pass Christian, 39571.

WILDA L. MAUFFRAY

Wilda Lizana Mauffray, 77, of the Fenton community, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 1998, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Mauffray was a member of Annunciation Catholic Church, where she served on the Altar Society, was a member of Annunciation Senior Citizens and was a former member of Annunciation Head Start.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow "Boss" Mauffray; her parents, Lavander and Eugenia Cuevas Lizana; two sons, John Mauffray and Paul Mauffray; and a sister, Laura Lizana.

Survivors include eight sons, Harlan Mauffray and Michael Mauffray, both of Bay St. Louis; Randall Mauffray of Pass Christian; Garvin Mauffray, Woody Mauffray, Gerard Mauffray and David Mauffray, all of Fenton; and Tommy Mauffray of Ansley; five daughters, Sylvia Hardy of Fernandina Beach, Fla.; Sandra Edwards, Janet Mauffray and Jean Jackson, all of Fenton; and Kathy Alvarado of Bay St. Louis; two brothers, Clifford Lizana and Herman Lizana, both of Fenton; 37 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Mass was celebrated Wednesday in Annunciation Catholic Church in Kiln. Burial followed in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou.

CARL LEE SMITH

Carl Lee Smith, 79, of Waveland, died Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1998, in Waveland.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

HAL W. WALTERS JR.

Funeral services were held in Laurel Wednesday for Hal Wayne Walters, Jr., the son of

Hal Walters, who is executive director of Hancock County's Port and Harbor Commission.

The younger Walters, 38, of Jackson, was a self-employed carpenter and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He died Dec. 26 at St. Dominic Hospital in Laurel.

Walters was survived by a daughter, Sheri Walters of Jackson; his father and stepmother, Hal and Laurie Walters of Bay St. Louis; his mother and stepfather, Bobbie and Kirk Embrey of Coldwater; two brothers, Derrick Walters of North Port, Fla., and Brian Walters of Jackson; and a grandmother, Gladys Waldrop of Laurel.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel, followed by burial in Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Jones County.

SHIRLEY T. YORK

Shirley Tenhet York, 52, of Pearlington, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 1998, in Pearlington.

Mrs. York was a native of Marks, Miss., and a resident of Pearlington for the past eight years. She was a Baptist, formerly of Slidell.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Arthur Tenhet.

Survivors include her husband, Roger A. York of Pearlington; a daughter, Melissa Ann Bonaccorso of Pearlington; a son, James Ernest Bonaccorso of Hammond, La.; her mother, Ruth Tenhet of Waveland; a brother, William Kirby Tenhet of Waveland; and two sisters, Betty Ruth Britt of Blountsville, Ala.; and Virginia Faye Milligan of Waveland.

Visitation will be today, Dec. 31, 10 a.m. until noon at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, followed by services in the funeral home chapel. A graveside service will be conducted at 3 p.m. at Rose Memorial Cemetery in Hammond.

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The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements. 3

SPORTS

THE SEA COAST ECHO—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1998-7

Bay High Tigers host Christmas tournament

BY B. R. HAWKINS

While most of us are counting down the final minutes of 1998, high school basketball fans are counting down the days until school returns and the season gets back on the road.

Area high school basketball schedules pick up Tuesday night, Jan. 5, with Bay High traveling to Pearl River Central. Hancock High School will visit Oak Grove. Girls games are scheduled to begin play at 6:30 p.m., with boys at 8:30 p.m. Only St. Stanislaus will play on their home court. The Rocks take on Picayune in Bay St. Louis at 7:30 p.m.

However, the week after Christmas has full of tournament play. Bay High hosted its annual Christmas tournament Dec. 28-30. St. Stanislaus and Hancock both played in the St. Martin Christmas Classic in New Orleans and Hancock High School Lady Hawks made their way to the Shake and Bake on the Lake in Kenner.

Bay High's seasonal featured d'Iberville, Picayune, Northshore, McComb, Stone County, Pass Christian, and Long Beach.

Bay High Girls, 51 Northshore, 33

Willmae Fulton led the Lady Tiger scoring with 15 points. Shavon Tate contributed 10 points. Shenma Ambrose hit for nine and Janelly Payne added eight. Keely Marshall and Megan Matthews both hit for four points and Jessica Price dropped one in from the free throw line. Fylton and Payne each gathered in nine rebounds. Ambrose had nine steals and five assists.

Bay High jumped out to a 15 to 1 lead in the first quarter. Northshore got into the ball game in the second quarter but never overcame their show start. Bay High took the game 51 to 33 leaving them 14 and 6 on the season.

Hancock High, 59 Lutcher, 56

Hancock High School's first game in the St. Martin's Christmas Classic was a balancing act. The Hawks led by a mere margin of two points at the close of the first half. Then were outscored in the third period. In the closing minutes of the fourth quarter key shots and tough defense gave the Hawks a win.

Jeremy Garriga hit for 22 points from the floor and was four for four at the free shot line for a total of 26 points on the night. Ryan Stief and Marty Homer bot hit for nine points including one three-point shot each. Brandon Ladner had a total of seven points and Jabrell Cook total six points on two three-pointers. The Hawks moved up in the bracket to face St. Martin.

St. Stanislaus, 62 St. Martin, 38

Zeke Davis led scoring for the Rocks with 14 points including one three-pointer followed by Junior Davis with 13 and Paul Favre with 12. Brandon Arment and Stephen Peterman both contributed eight points from the floor. Grady Willis hit for seven and Lee Howard chipped in one from the free shot line.

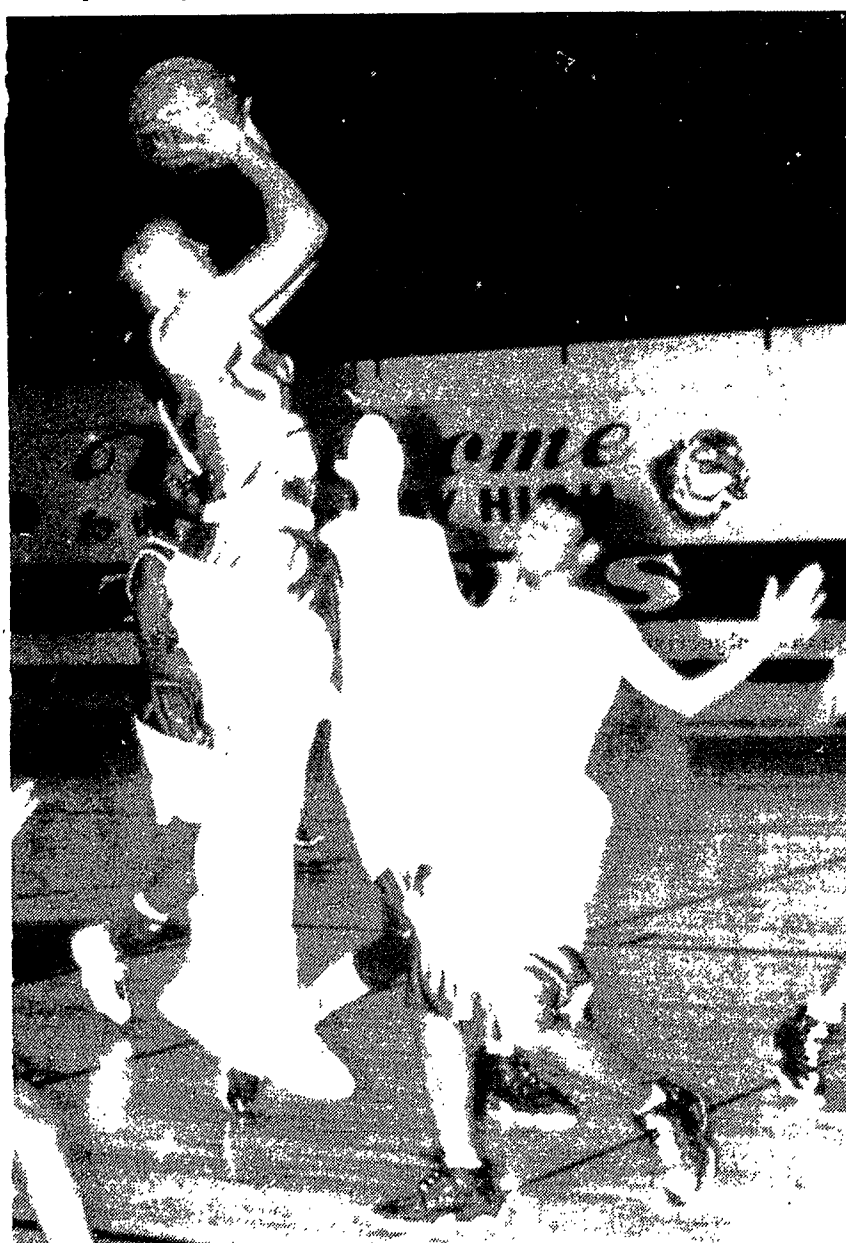
St. Stanislaus, ready to play, jumped out to a 11 point lead in the first quarter and sustained the point advantage throughout the remainder of the game. The Rocks are 16 and 2 for the season.

Bay High Girls, 44 McComb, 41

The Lady Tigers struggled to hit their stride in the first half against McComb. First quarter scoring bounced back and forth with Bay High gaining only a two-point advantage only to have their offense grow cold in the second quarter. McComb controlled the ball allowing Bay High to score only four points in the second quarter to end the half with a five-point lead. Turn about being fair play, Bay High's defense came out of the dressing room in a full press and allowed McComb to score only four points. Fourth quarter action was indicative of the first in that scoring was back and forth. At the buzzer, Bay High led 44 to McComb's 41.



Bay High's Keely Marshall rises above the McComb Lady Tiger defense to score. Bay High defeated McComb 44 to 41, Tuesday night in the semi-finals of the Bay High Christmas Tournament. (Echo staff photo by B. R. Hawkins)



Bay High Lady Tiger, Willmae Fulton takes a shot at a three-point against McComb in tournament play Tuesday night at Bay High. (Echo staff photo by B. R. Hawkins)

Keely Marshall hit for 17 points including one three-pointer. Willmae Fulton kept pace with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Shenma Ambrose scored seven points also include one three-pointer. She was credited with seven steals and four assists.

Pass Christian Boys, 65 Long Beach, 58

Carl Bowsler hit for 17 points as the Pass Pirates advanced in tournament play at Bay High School. Long Beach led the first quarter only to loose its lead in the second period, never to catch up with the Pass offense. The 65-58 win leaves Pass Christian 11 and 5 for the season.

Hancock High, 44 RaBouin, La., 73

Jeremy Garriga scored 21 points and Marty Homer scored 12 in Hancock High's second game of tournament play. The

Hawks were with RaBouin every step of the way in the first period trailing only by three points but were held to only one point in the second period. Final score 73 to 44 sent the Hawks home one and one in the tournament play and three and 15 for the season.

St. Stanislaus, 75 Thomas Aquinas, 56

Junior Davis took charge of Wednesday night play against St. Thomas Aquinas in New Orleans. Davis scored 20 points including three three-pointers. He claimed five rebounds and three steals. Paul Favre scored 16 points and Jason Santiago hit for 10. Steve Peterman contributed seven points; Brantley Ladner, five; and John Ellis, three. Ben Ladner and Zeke Davis both added two points each to the score. SSC moved to 17 and 2 on the season.

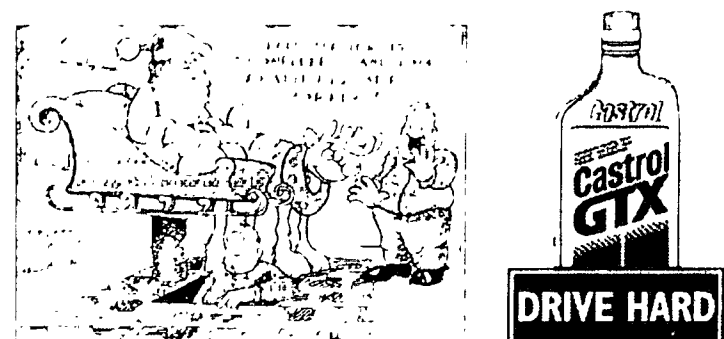
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Dec. 31, New Year's Eve: Vince Vance & Broadway West perform for free in the main lobby of the casino 8 p.m.-3 a.m.

Jan. 16, Jeffrey Osborne at 9 p.m. Tickets: \$15, \$20 and \$25. Jan. 22, Diamond Rio at 9 p.m. Tickets: \$15, \$20 and \$25. Jan. 29, Joan Jett at 9 p.m. Tickets: \$10, \$12 and \$15.

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Waveland Animal Shelter

The first charity slot tournament of the year is Monday, Jan. 11. Registration is 9-11 a.m. in the main lobby with the first round starting at noon. The entry fee is \$10 cash or a 10-pound bag of cat or dog food.

Casino Magic BSL has remodeled 'high limit' area

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis recently remodeled its "high limit" area. The new area offers guests more privacy with a separate room, as well as a dedicated cashier and redemption area. It features high limit blackjack tables and various high limit slots. Stop by and check it out.

Monday Night Football continues through Jan. 4

Due to the week missed because of the hurricane, football promotion will be extended through Jan. 4 for the Fiesta Bowl (Tennessee vs. Florida State).

Beginning at 4 p.m., choose a square on our football game board. A total of 500 entries are available each week.

Registration ends at kick-off. At the end of each quarter, the last digit of each team's score determines the winner. Quarterly winners received:

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Win More with Buddy D!

In addition to quarterly winners, guests also have the opportunity to win a \$1,000 bonus. Prior to kickoff of each Monday Night game, radio personality Buddy D, who will be broadcasting live in the lobby, will make a final score prediction.

If the final score matches his exact prediction, all participants on that winning square will have 10 minutes to claim the \$1,000 bonus.

All quarterly winners receive a "Tailgate Ticket" for the Jan. 31 1999 Superbowl XXXIII giveaway. The giveaway prize is a 1998 Dodge Dakota Truck.

Olivia Newton-John scheduled at Biloxi Grand

Grand Casino Biloxi is welcoming Grammy, CMA, AMA and People's Choice Award-winner Olivia Newton-John to the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Newton-John will perform at the Biloxi Grand Theatre 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 8 and 9.

Newton-John, whose debut of her 1973 album, "Let Me Be There," produced her first Top Ten single in the title track. She was honored by the Academy of Country Music as Most Promising Female Vocalist and with a Grammy as Best Country Vocalist.

She has had five No. 1 pop hits, 15 Top 10 singles and a starring role in "Grease," the most successful movie musical soundtrack in history.

Her newest MCA Nashville album, "Back With a Heart," is her first after a four-year hiatus spent raising her daughter Chloe and successfully fighting breast cancer.

The album includes such classic honky-tonk songs like "Fight For Our Love," her tribute to '50s-style C&W, and the sparkling pop-soul of her remake of her first chart-tipping hit, "I Honestly Love You."

"I see it as a new start," says Newton-John, who either wrote or co-wrote seven of the album's 11 tracks. Although she had no intention of returning to her musical career, she said, "I'm strong, more ready than I ever have been before."

Born in Cambridge, England in 1948, the youngest child of a professor of German and the granddaughter of a Nobel Prize-winning physicist, Olivia Newton-John moved to Melbourne, Australia with her family when she was five.

As a teenager, she formed an all-girl group with friends and won a talent contest, which in-

cluded a trip to London.

By 1963, she was appearing on both a local daytime TV show and a weekly pop music program in Australia. The following year, she headed back to London and formed a duo with Pat Farrar and toured Europe and played nightclubs and American armed service bases.

Success has been Newton-John's for years. Her album, "If You Love Me (Let Me Know)," produced yet another Top Five hit in the title track and her first chart-topper in "I Honestly Love You." For this, she earned a Grammy for Record of the Year and also took home the statue for Best Pop Vocal Performance Female.

She followed that up with her chart-topping album, "Have You Never Been Mellow?"

With John Travolta, she co-starred in "Grease" and they produced a No. 1 duet, "You're the One That I Want." The Grease soundtrack album remained on the U.S. charts for 12 weeks and has sold more than 10 million copies.

After releasing her Geffen album, "Back to Basics," Newton-John took a step back from the public eye in 1992. Her concern for the environment, and experience with breast cancer brought about the 1994 release of her album "Gaia." The world's girl-next-door with a girl of her own is now all grown up and is back with "Back With a Heart."

"It's such a different time in my life," she says. "I'm a mother first now. I like the peace in my life. And that's an important thing to learn in life... to be happy where you are now and not with you were somewhere else."

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BUSINESS NEWS

Strong retail pushes unemployment rate lower

A strong performance by the retail trade industry pushed Mississippi's unemployment rate down to 4.1 percent during November, the Mississippi Employment Security Commission (MESC) announced.

Agency figures show that 1,900 more retail trade positions were filled during November than in October. Employ-

ment in all sectors was up by 8,400 jobs during November from the prior month when the rate was 4.7 percent.

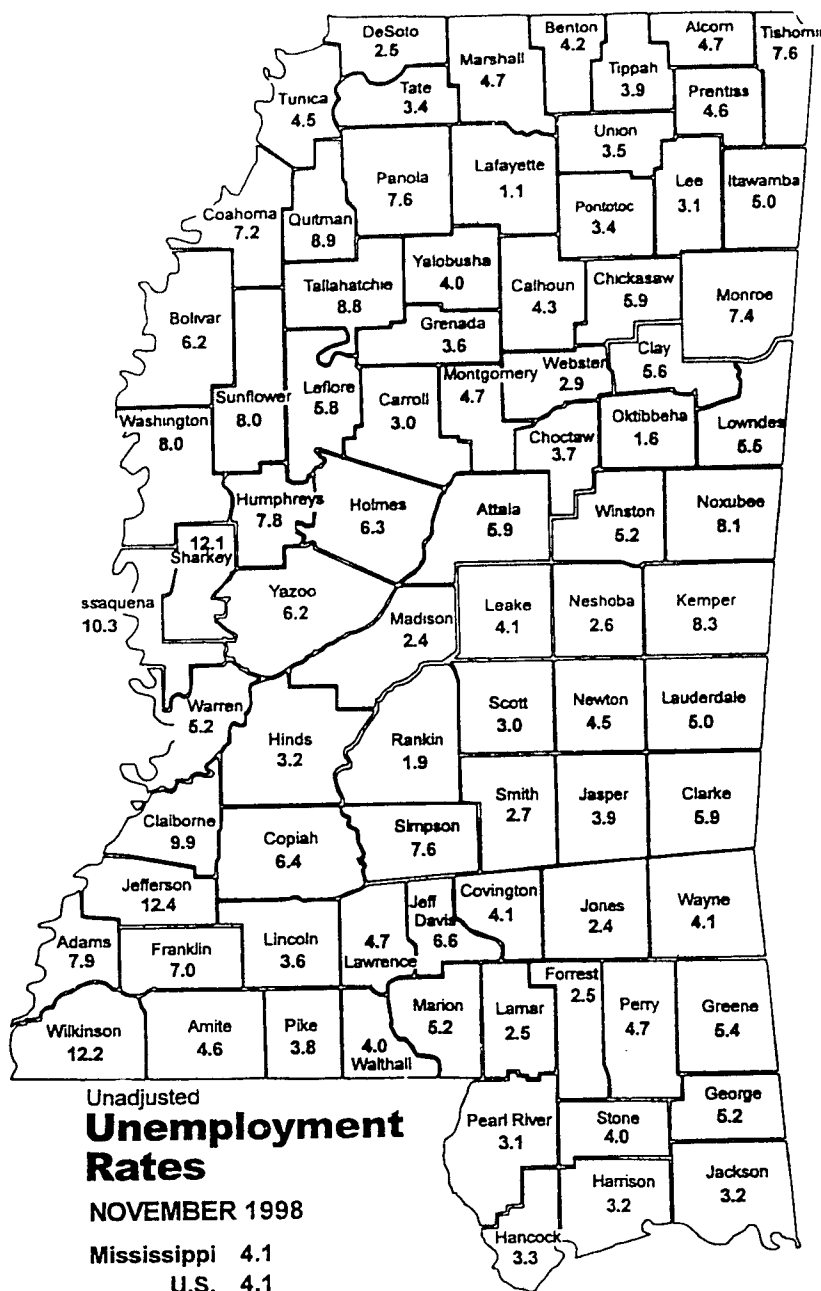
The state's 4.1 percent rate matched the U.S. unemployment rate of 4.1 percent for November. The state's unemployment rate hasn't been this low since last December.

The strong showing in retail trade bodes well for December's numbers when retail trade jobs traditionally increase with the rush of holiday buying," said MESC Executive Director Thomas E. Lord.

Most counties saw their unemployment rates drop during November as Lafayette County again posted the state's lowest rate at 1.1 percent. Oktibbeha County ranked second with 1.6 percent, while Rankin County was third with 1.9 percent.

Only four counties, Issaquena, Sharkey, Wilkinson and Jefferson, posted double-digit rates. Agricultural areas experienced some rise in their rates as harvest activities came to a close.

Lord said the unemployment rate in urban areas should decrease in December due to holiday retail trade while agricultural areas may experience higher December rates because of the annual winter hiatus.



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BellSouth announces lower rates

Local telephone rates for Mississippi residential customers will be lowered when new BellSouth tariffs go into effect Jan. 1.

The reductions are a result of rate adjustments outlined in the Price Regulation Evaluation Plan (PREP) ordered by the Mississippi Public Service Commission in late 1995. PREP will reduce BellSouth rates \$33.6 million by Dec. 31, 2001.

Under the new rates, residential customers will see an elimination of the current monthly 40 cent subscriber line charge. The subscriber line charge for business customers was eliminated in January 1998.

Zone three rates for rural mileage will be lowered for both residence and business (from \$8.15 to \$6.10 for individual lines and from \$7.25 to \$6.10 for two party lines).

Additional parts of the PREP filing include miscellaneous rate changes associated with exchange rate regrouping. Explanations for the individual changes appeared in applicable customer bill statements in December 1998.

Other rate adjustments that are effective Jan. 1 include in-

creases in optional operator service charges. New rates for these services are directory assistance (local and toll calls within the same LATA), \$4.5; local operator station, \$1.72; toll operator station, \$2.25; person to person calls (local and toll), \$4.90; local operator verification, \$1.36; local operator interruption, \$2.01; local toll operator verification, \$1.50; and local toll operator interruption, \$2.41.

"These changes are necessary as we build out our infrastructure to meet the increasing costs of providing customer service and enhancing our phone network," said J. Kelly Allgood, BellSouth president, Mississippi.

BellSouth is a \$22 billion communications services company. It provides telecommunications, cable and digital TV, directory advertising and publishing, and Internet and data services to nearly 33 million customers in 19 countries worldwide.

Hancock offers vo-tech courses

The Hancock County Vocational-Technical Center, located adjacent to Stennis Airfield, is offering several adult evening vocational courses during the spring 1999 semester.

Computer courses: Microsoft Word

Trade and Industrial Courses:

Carpentry/Cabinetmaking, Drafting/Computer Aided Design (CAD), Machine Shop/Sheet Metal and Welding

Cost per course varies from \$50 to \$100 depending on course selection. Classes that develop will begin meeting the week of Jan. 12 and continue for 17 weeks with students meeting one or two nights per week, depending on course selection.

Individuals may register Wednesday, Jan. 6, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. or on Thursday, Jan. 7, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. In the event 10 or more students do not register and pay fees, a scheduled course will be cancelled.

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Bank merger approved

Michael J. Rhodes, president of American Security Bank of Ville Platte, La., and Leo W. Seal, Hancock Holding Company President and CEO, announced jointly that shareholders of American Security Bancshares of Ville Platte, Inc., approved a definitive merger agreement finalizing Hancock Holding Company's acquisition of American Security Bancshares of Ville Platte, Inc., (American Security) and subsidiary American Security Bank (ASB) in Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish.

The agreement — also approved by both banks' boards of directors — outlines the merger as an exchange of 672,000 shares of Hancock Holding Company common stock and \$13.8 million in cash for all outstanding fully diluted shares of American Security Bancshares of Ville Platte, Inc., stock.

According to the agreement, the transaction will be accounted for under the purchase

accounting method.

Hancock Holding company and ASB will consummate the merger agreement during the first quarter of 1999.

"We're very pleased the shareholders share our vision of Hancock expanding into the central Louisiana region. We can now focus on serving our new customers in this market with the stability, integrity and exceptional customer service synonymous with Hancock Bank and our holding company subsidiaries," said Seal.

Rhodes added, "This merger with Hancock Bank will facilitate our providing our customers with improved services while at the same time enhancing stockholder value."

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Called

Seth Johnson, son of Vernon and Elaine Ladner of Waveland, and Donith Johnson of Vicksburg, has been called to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He will serve in Guatemala City. Johnson will be one of more than 57,000 missionaries who are currently serving missions in the world, interrupting their schooling, at their own expense, to teach the Gospel. Johnson has resided in Waveland for over 18 years and is a graduate of Bay High School.

Baseball coaches needed

Waveland Little League is looking for coaches for the 1999 baseball season. Applications are now being taken.

For information, call Tony, 463-1455; Shane, 467-2394; Leo, 466-2634; or Floyd, 467-3055.

Please call after 6 p.m. All applicants will be interviewed.

Bay student works in LSU service program

Elizabeth Soroe of Bay St. Louis was recently recognized for participating in a program aimed at combining classroom learning with community service.

Soroe was a part of the Louisiana State University Program of Learning thru Service (PLUS). As part of the PLUS program, students learned to apply complex course concepts through real-life service experiences.

In addition to Soroe's regular course work, she provided 26-30 hours of individual service at the LSU Employee Development Center.

Hancock students named to LSU dean's list

Collen Rene Coulon of Diamondhead, Christopher David Boston of Bay St. Louis, and Jessica Strickland of Kiln have been named to LSU Dean's List for the fall 1998 semester.

The students earned a place on the Dean's List by achieving grade-point averages of 3.5 and above during the fall 1998 semester.

Public Notice

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
NICHOLAS KOONEY, COMPLAINANT
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, ET AL, DEFENDANTS
PUBLICATION OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION
CAUSE NO. 980917
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: Any and all persons whose current addresses both post office and street addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or to the property described as Lot 18, Block 2, Unit 11, DIAMONDHEAD, Phase 2, according to map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.
You and each of you have been made a defendant in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Nicholas Kooney, Complainant, whose address is c/o W. Rodrick Johnson, Jr., 5401 Indian Hill Boulevard, Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525.
YOUR ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 31 DAY OF December, 1998, WHICH IS THIRTY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGEMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.
YOU MUST ALSO FILE THE ORIGINAL OF YOUR RESPONSE WITH A CLERK OF THIS COURT WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME AFTERWARD.
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HANCOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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